



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Yoshiaki NODA

Application No.: 10/669,055

Filed: November 24, 2003

For: PLASMA CLEANING DEVICE

Attorney Docket No.: NOG-0017

Examiner: M. G. Arancibia

Art Unit: 1763

Confirmation No.: 3382

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Prior to examination on the merits after filing the accompanying Request for Continued Examination filed and in response to the final Office Action dated August 23, 2005, the period for response being extended to January 23, 2006, by the Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 15 and 18 are amended and claims 19 and 20 are added.

Applicants express their appreciation for the Examiner's courtesies extended during a telephonic interview with the Applicants' representative on December 28, 2005. The points raised during the telephonic interview are incorporated into this amendment.

II. AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

(There are no amendments to the drawings)

III. AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(There are no amendments to the specification)